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HELD AT NEW GERMANY, LUNENBURG CO.

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, June 12th, 14th & 15th, 1869.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER,

AND

REPORT OF N. S. BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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Huntsport.—Rev. J

Horton 1st.—Revds
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Lunenburg.—Deacon

New Cornwall.—Rev
Halamore.

New Germany.—Rev
Durland.

MINUTES.

NEW GERMANY, Saturday, June 12th, 1869.

In the absence of the Moderator of last year, the Association was called to order by Rev. Wm. E. Hall. Prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

The Letters were handed in, from which was obtained the following

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES:

Aylesford.—Deacons George West and John Graves, Bro. Whitman Morton.

Bridgewater.—Rev. S. March, Deacons James Grinton, W. J. Gates, Brethren B. W. C. Manning, Isaac Durland.

Chester.—Rev. I. J. Skinner, Deacons D. Hume, J. Thomas, Bro. James Hume.

Cornwallis 1st.—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Brethren Daniel Cogswell, Rufus Sanford, (Lic.), Stephen Eaton.

Cornwallis 2nd.—Rev. E. O. Read, Brethren Edward Parker and C. Skinner.

Cornwallis 3rd.—Rev. James Parker and Brother Wm. Forsyth.

Cornwallis 5th.—Rev. D. Freeman, Brethren A. Knowlton, Walter Witt.

Chelsea.—Rev. S. March, Brethren Wm. Falkner, Joseph Wharton, Jas Wharton.

Dartmouth.—Brother B. V. Pitts.

Falmouth.—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Deacon Charles Bacon.

Halifax 1st.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deacon S. Selden.

Halifax 2nd.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Hantsport.—Rev. J. E. Balcom.

Horton 1st.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, T. A. Higgins, John Chase, Prof. Jones, Prof. Higgins

Horton 3rd.—Rev. Wm. George.

Indian Harbor.—Rev. T. C. Delong.

Lahave.—E. D. Rodenizer.

Lunenburg.—Deacon Gideon Langille, Brother J. Eisenhaur.

New Cornwall.—Rev. A. Shields, Deacons Caleb Spidle, Samuel Halamore.

New Germany.—Rev. W. E. Hall, Deacon Rhodes, Bro. Lindley Durland.

New Ross.—Brother Jos. Lantz.

Rawdon.—Deacon John McLearn.

St. Margaret's Bay.—Rev. T. C. Delong.

Windsor.—Rev. D. M. Welton, Brother George DeWolf.

The following Committees were appointed :

To Examine Letters.—Revds. Jas. Parker, John Chase and T. C. Delong.

To Read Letters.—Revds. E. O. Read, Jas. E. Balcom, S. B. Kempton.

Nomination and Arrangements.—Revds. Wm. E. Hall, I. J. Skinner, P. F. Murray, J. H. Hughes, Prof. R. V. Jones and Brother David Lantz.

Delegates from the N. S. Western Association.—Revds. A. Cogswell, P. F. Murray, J. H. Hughes, W. G. Parker, P. R. Foster.

Invited to sit in Council,—Rev. W. Hall, Brethren Joseph Freeman, James Shields, A. Cohoon, (Lic.) Brethren Dr. Randall, R. West, Joseph Rawding, S. Delong, Deacon David Lantz.

On motion adjourned to meet at ½ past 2 P. M.
Prayer by Rev. J. Parker.

Afternoon Session, June 12th.

Prayer by the Rev. J. E. Balcom.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The remaining letters from the Churches were then read.

Resolved, That the nomination of the preacher and the writer of the Circular Letter for next year be referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

Rev. J. E. Balcom reported from the Church at Waterville. (See Appendix A.)

Committee of Nomination and Arrangement reported partially.

A letter from the Church (recently organized) at Musquodobit was read asking admittance into this Association.

On motion by Rev. Dr. Cramp, it was voted unanimously that the Church become a member of this Body, no delegate being present, the right hand of fellowship was deferred.

Resolved; That the Delegates to the Convention be Deacons John Graves, D. R. Eaton, A. F. Shaw, Brethren Edward Parker, Wm. Forsyth.

Resolved, That 1,000 Copies of the Minutes be printed at the *Christian Messenger Office*, under the Superintendance of Brethren S. Selden and Rev. E. M. Saunders ; and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next Session, and that $47, be paid Brother Selden for the same and for prepayment of postage.

Resolved, That the first subject on Monday afternoon be Home Missions.

Resolved, That the first subject on Tuesday morning be Education.

Treasurer of Infirm Minister's fund reported, Brother S. Selden spoke in favour of enlarging the fund and rendering it more efficient and pe nanent.

On motion the rep was received and adopted.

It was voted That the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be Revds. S. B. Kempton, D. Freeman, J. Parker, E. O. Read and Brethren James Bligh, Mahew Beckwith, and that D. R. Eaton be the Treasurer.

On motion by Bro. S. Selden.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider what means may be devised to enlarge the Infirm Ministers' Fund and render it a more permanent reliance.

Revds. Dr. Cramp, J. H. Hughes, and Brother S. Selden were appointed that Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Association be directed to pay all monies over to the parties authorized to receive them.

Resolved, That Rev. T. A. Higgins be appointed to receive the money for Acadia College, and to pay the same to Dr. Barss, Treasurer of the College.

The Committe on Nomination and Arrangement reported finally as follows:—

Preaching at the Baptist Meeting House on Lord's Day by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., at 10½ A. M., Rev. Wm. George at 2½ P. M. Rev. J. H. Hughes at 7½.

At the Methodist House, Rev. E. M. Saunders at 10½ A. M., Rev. D. M. Welton at 5 P. M.

At the River, Rev. S. B. Kempton at 3 P. M.

At Northfield Rev. W. Hall at 10½ A. M., and Rev. J. E. Balcom at 3 P. M. At the Branch, Rev. D. Freeman at 10½ A. M., and 3 P. M.

At Section 36, Rev. James Parker at 4 P. M.

At Foster Settlement, Rev. P. F. Murray at 10½ A. M., and 2 P. M.

At New Cornwall, Rev. J. Chase at 10½ A. M., R. Sanford at 3 P. M.

To Examine Circular Letter.—Revds. I. J. Skinner, W. E. Hall, J. Chase.

On Benevolent Funds.—Revds. J. E. Goucher, P. F. Murray, Brethren B. W. C. Manning, David Hume, W. Morton, Stephen Eaton. Chas. Bacon.

On Education.—Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., David Freeman, T. A. Higgins, E. O. Read, Jas. Parker, Prof. R. V. Jones, Brethren Joseph Thomas, Edw. Parker, S. Selden, Knowlton.

On Missions.—Revds. J. E. Balcom, E. M. Saunders, W. George, S. B. Kempton, A. Cogswell, T. C. Delong, S. March, Brethren Jas. Hume, Wm. Forsyth, B. Rhodes, Geo. West, R. Sanford, (Lic.)

Questions in Letters.—Revds. D. M. Welton, S. Selden, J. M. Cramp, D. D., Isaac Durland.

On Christian Messenger.—Rev. J. H. Hughes, Prof. D. F. Higgins, W. J. Gates, Gideon Langille. Chas. Skinner, Daniel Cogswell, Samuel Hallamore, Wm. Falkner.

Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock, A. M., during the session, except on Monday morning, when we recommend that it be at 6 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met at 9½ o'clock, A. M., and adjourned at 6 o'clock, P. M.

All Committees to meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., on Monday.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Monday morning.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Delong.

Monday, Morning Session, June 14th.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S. B. Kempton, from 1 Cor. xvi. 13. "Quit you like men."

Minutes of previous session read, corrected and approved.

Letters to the Association read.

Committee to examine Circular Letter reported, recommending that the Letter be read. Report adopted.

The draft of Letter was read by Rev. E. O. Read.

It was resolved, That the Letter now read be adopted as the Cicular Letter of this body, and printed in the Minutes, and that the editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish it also in that paper.

On motion by Bro. S. Selden, it was resolved that

Whereas, difficulty has been experienced in many places in the preparation of suitable and proper Deeds of Church property, and

Whereas, loss to the Baptist denomination has been occasioned by imperfect records and indefiniteness in their provisions :

Therefore Resolved. 1. That it is desirable to have a form of Deed prepared and printed, which may render assistance to brethren wishing to secure property for places of worship or for ministers' residences, and so prevent such property being diverted from its original intention and applied to other purposes.

2. That the following brethren be a Committee to prepare such form of Deed, and present it at the next session of this Association: Brethren Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Hon. J. McCully, and B. H. Eaton.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to obtain for the use of this body, the Minutes of the Central Association from the date of its formation, and to get the first 10 years' bound in one volume for preservation or reference, to be held by the Clerk for the time being.

On motion, adjourned.
Prayer by Rev. A. Cogswell.

Afternoon Session, June 14th.

Prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.
Minutes of last session read and confirmed.
Committee on Missions reported.

Voted, That Rev. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, and S. Selden, be requested to prepare an abstract of the Letters from the churches for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. B. Kempton be requested to furnish for publication, a copy of the able and instructive Sermon delivered this morning, and that the editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish it in the columns of that paper.

Association suspended its business to give place to the annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

The Association resumed its session.
The Report on Missions was taken up. Interesting remarks were made by Bro. S. Selden, (Home), Revds. A. Cogswell, (French), Wm. George, (Foreign), J. Parker, J. M. Cramp, D. D., D. Freeman.
The Report was adopted. (See Appendix C.)
Committee on Infirm Minister's Fund reported. Remarks

were made by Revds. T. A. Higgins, J. Parker, E. M. Saunders, A. Cogswell, Prof. D. F. Higgins, and Bro. J. W. Gates.

Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

In accordance with the Report, Revds. Dr. Cramp, T. A. Higgins, D. Freeman, and Brethren S. Selden, and Prof. R. V. Jones, were appointed a Committee. Committee to report next year.

Committee on "Christian Messenger" reported. After an interesting discussion, highly commendatory of the *Christian Messenger*, the Report was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Hall.

Tuesday Morning Session, June 15th.

Prayer by Rev. J. Chase.

Minutes read and approved.

Resolved, That the ministers, members of this Association, who may be present at the Eastern, and Western, and Prince Edward Island Associations, together with Bro. S. Selden, be our delegates to these bodies.

Committee on Benevolent Funds reported. The Report was sustained by remarks from Brethren S. Selden, Edward Parker, Revds. R. Walker, Dr. Cramp, J. Parker, D. M. Welton, and J. Chase.

The Report was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The Committee on Education adopted. Addresses were made by Revds. E. M. Saunders, D. Freeman, Wm. George. J. E. Balcom, J. Parker, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Report adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The following resolution was moved by Prof. D. F. Higgins; and preceded by a warm-hearted speech, was seconded by Rev. Jas. Parker.

Resolved, That this Association is unwilling to allow Dr. Cramp to retire from the position of President of Acadia College, without expressing its high appreciation of the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the duties of that important office, and also of the pecuniary sacrifices he has voluntarily made in sustaining the educational interests of the denomination.

The researches Dr. Cramp has made into our early history in these

provinces, the fraternal intercourse he has kept up with our churches, his jealous care in defending our principles, and the christian sympathy he has ever manifested toward our ministers, have contributed to give him a warm place in the hearts of our people, and to excite the hope that he may long be spared to mingle his sympathies with ours and exert his influence on our behalf.

The resolution was sustained by earnest and affectionate addresses from Revds. D. Freeman, Wm. Hall, E. M. Saunders, Prof. R. V. Jones and I. J. Skinner. The resolution passed unanimously by the delegates rising.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. Cramp, and seconded by Rev. J. Parker, and passed unanimously.

Whereas, a Resolution has been introduced in the House of Assembly of this Province, to the effect that "No grant from the Provincial Treasury shall be given in aid of any Department of Education except Common Schools, and that the monies arising from such saving shall be added to the Common School Fund:"

Therefore resolved, That the passage of the said Resolution would be regarded by this Association as a retrograde movement, unworthy of the intelligence and enlightened zeal of the people of Nova Scotia; and that in the judgment of this body the School Law should not be limited in its operation, but rather enlarged and extended, by affording increased facilities for the cultivation of the higher branches of learning.

It was also Resolved, That copies of the said resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Secretary and D. C. Landers, Esq., M. P. P.

Resolved, That the Professors of Acadia College be appointed Delegates to the other Associations.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the Brethren and friends at New Germany and neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session, and to the denominations who invited our ministers to preach in their places of worship.

On motion after prayer, by Rev. Dr. Cramp, the Association adjourned to meet with the 2nd Baptist Church in Halifax on the first Saturday after the 20th of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M., 1870.

D. M. Welton, *Moderator.*
E. M. Saunders, *Secretary.*
D. F. Higgins, *Assistant Secretary.*

Statistics of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	DECREASE Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	TOTAL.
1 Aylesford Upper	...	2	..	2	..	..	229
2 Bridgewater	5	2	1	1	..	2	127
3 Burton*	...	..	..	..	..	..	31
4 Chelsea	...	..	1	4	..	4	103
5 Chester	53	3	2	3	1	2	265
6 Cornwallis 1st	7	2	..	4	1	9	371
7 Cornwallis 2nd	...	10	..	5	3	4	390
8 Cornwallis 3rd	29	3	..	..	1	5	376
9 Cornwallis 4th*	...	..	..	..	..	..	117
10 Cornwallis 5th	12	9	1	3	3	..	166
11 Dartmouth	5	7	..	..	..	..	44
12 Falmouth	...	..	..	3	1	..	72
13 Halifax 1st	14	10	..	5	1	2	190
14 Halifax 2nd	70	15	2	2	2	1	313
15 Hammond's Plains 1st*	...	..	..	..	..	..	35
16 Hammond's Plains 2nd	...	..	..	..	4	1	41
17 Hantsport	6	1	..	3	3	5	292
18 Horton 1st	7	..	..	11	1	2	233
19 Horton 2nd	8	2	..	2	..	3	305
20 Horton 3rd*	...	..	..	..	..	..	136
21 Indian Harbour	...	..	..	2	..	1	98
22 Jeddore	4	1	2	1	..	2	126
23 Kempt	4	1	2	..	3	1	143
24 Lahave	...	..	..	..	..	5	36
25 Lunenburg	...	..	..	..	..	..	93
26 Maitland*	...	..	..	..	..	..	17
27 Musquodoboit	...	..	..	..	..	..	12
28 New Cornwall	2	..	..	..	..	..	30
29 New Germany	1	1	.	1	2	1	177
30 Newport East*	...	..	..	..	..	..	83
31 Newport West*	...	..	..	..	..	..	135
32 New Ross	...	..	..	2	..	1	45
33 Preston 1st*	...	..	..	..	..	..	38
34 Preston 2nd	...	..	3	..	..	1	17
35 Rawdon	2	..	..	2	2	2	118
36 Sackville*	...	..	..	..	..	..	26
37 St. Margaret's Bay	22	..	2	2	..	..	124
38 Tancook*	...	..	..	..	..	..	109
39 Walton*	...	..	..	..	..	..	14
40 Waterville*	...	..	..	..	..	..	12
41 Windsor	6	2	1	..	..	2	153
42 Windsor Plains	...	..	..	..	..	..	32
	257	71	17	59	28	56	5478

*No Letter.

Circular Letter.

PARENTAL OBLIGATION.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

In this our Annual Letter we wish to call your attention to Parental Obligation. The importance of this subject, the fear that many christian parents disregard their special duties, and the fact that those who are to be our successors in the Lord's vineyard are amongst those now under parental culture, and that they also require diligent training, justify us in the selection of this subject.

In the Scriptures we find neither precept nor example for the baptism of Infants. The Master, therefore, has not required, this, at our hands. Yet the obligations resting on parents are binding, and most clearly defined. Jehovah reveals the secret purposes of heaven to Abraham, because as he declares, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him," and in the New Testament we have the positive command, "And ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Such passages teach us that all who have children committed to their care, should train them in the fear of God, and the earliest opportunity should be taken to direct their minds to the claims of religion. We proceed to point out a few of these religious obligations.

1. Parents should *instruct their children in the Scriptures.*

There may be faithful instruction imparted in the Sabbath School, yet this does not free the parent from this special duty. Here the Word of God is explicit. Moses in his last charge to the children of Israel, refering to the statutes and commandments given by Jehovah, says "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." In unison with this, the Psalmist declares that the Lord "established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers that they should make known to their children." And it was said by way of congratulation to Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation."

If the truths of God's Holy Word are rightly presented, they will not fail to be interesting. This instruction may commence at a very tender age. Beginning with the simplest historical question, the attention is at once arrested, the mind prepared for further inquiry, and the foundation laid for a thorough knowledge of Bible history. The great events in redemption, the principal acts in the life of Christ, the necessity of salvation, and the rewards of eternity may be made subjects of enrapturing interest to the youthful mind.

While this duty is faithfully carried out, the devoted parent will not fail to make special application of those truths, which may be made the means of leading their children to the Saviour. As the Bible is the fountain of all knowledge, we would urge upon parents the great importance of leading those whom they are called to instruct, to this vast reservoir of wisdom. The information the children will thus obtain cannot fail to be an inestimable treasure to them through life, and the results will reach into the future state.

2. Parents should *bring their children under the*

influence of the Gospel. The ministry of the Word is the ordained means of bringing souls to Christ. It is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." We fear there are many children of professing Christians who are growing up comparatively ignorant of the Gospel, and living in continual desecration of the Christian Sabbath. The parents go to the house of God, to listen to the message of Life, while the children are left at home to indulge in play, to roam the fields, and to engage in juvenile sports with others whom they may meet. This is a dark picture, but alas, too often seen. It is our settled conviction, that as soon as children are capable of understanding the first principles of religion, that they should, as far as possible, be brought regularly to the sanctuary of God. By this means fixed principles may be established in childhood which will be a bulwark of strength in days to come. The Gospel is often hindered in families by the injudicious conversation of the parents respecting the minister. Though professing to be his sincere friends, and would not wilfully destroy his influence, yet he is made the subject of an unwise criticism at home, objections are raised against the style or subject matter of the last sermon. That discourse, however, has perhaps made a deep impression on the mind of some youthful member of the family. If the thoughtless remark, falling from the lips of the parent, do not entirely remove the serious impressions, the Pastor's usefulness is injured, and a serious hindrance is placed in the way of the conversion of precious souls. Let the Gospel and all in connection therewith be carefully guarded in our families, and with the blessing of the Holy Spirit, it will prove "a savour of life unto life, and not of death unto death."

3. Parents should *pray for their children.* By this means, so far as human instrumentality is concerned, there may be the most perfect consecration of our offspring to the Saviour, and while ordinances of man, when taken as a substitute for

the commands of Christ are vain, and sinful, such consecration is acceptable in the sight of God.

Family Prayer has ever been regarded as a duty of the utmost importance, and binding on christian parents. It is sanctioned by the highest authority of the word of God. It commends itself to our most serious consideration, from our entire dependence upon God, by the beneficial influence arising from a right performance of this duty, as well as the judgments threatened against the families that call not upon Jehovah's name. But we would not confine this duty to family prayer. Other occasions will offer if parents are duly impressed with the value of souls committed to their care, in which there will be solemn earnest pleading at the throne of grace, which will be often visited on their behalf. And they will be made individually subjects of special intercession before God. There is a wonderful power in this blessed means of grace, and the line is already long drawn out with names such as Newton, Gough, and others, who appear as living memorials of the power and influence of praying parents.

Finally, Parents should "*walk with God*" *before their children.* In every department of christian labour there is almost a divine power in holy living. Especially is this seen in the parental relation. It is impossible for parents whose conversation is worldly, who seldom attend the worship of God, whose sabbaths are spent in visiting, who never speak upon the subject of religion, to "bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." If we would have our children rise up and call us blessed; if when dead we would speak; if we would hear the Master say to us, well done good and faithful servants; and at last to say individually, "behold I and the children whom the Lord hath given me;" then we must "walk with God," the service of Christ must be uppermost in our hearts, and we must seek to exemplify the spirit of holiness.

While our children are about us, their characters are being

formed for the future of life. Is it not then vastly important that our lives be worthy of imitation? Be assured if we do not save the precious seeds of divine truth in the tender hearts, others will sow the seeds of error, there the fruit of which will be hatred to God, and a total disregard of his claims. We must, therefore, lift high the standard of eternal truth. When labouring faithfully for the salvation of our children, and trusting implicitly in the divine arm, then may we expect the blessing of our heavenly Father upon our efforts.

APPENDIX.

(A)
THE CHURCH AT WATERVILLE.

I have visited the Baptist Church at Waterville, according to appointment of the Association last year, and report that I found the Church in a very low state, yet there are a few who are anxious for the prosperity of the cause of God, and desire to walk together in christian fellowship. Hoping it may be for the glory of God and salvation of sinners, I would recommend its continuance in connection with this Association another year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Balcom.

(B)
QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

Your Committee on Questions in Letters beg to report:

That they recommend that the Association next year meet with the North Church, Halifax, on the first Saturday after the 20th June, to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M. That Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., preach the Association Sermon, and Rev. David Freeman be his alternate; that Rev. J. E. Balcom write the Circular Letter.

D. M. Welton, *Chairman.*

(C)
ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions report:

That their conviction of the importance of Missions is deepening as they become more fully acquainted with the extent of the field whitening for the harvest and the success that has already attended the faithful preaching of the pure Gospel by the Missionary.

Missions are an absolute necessity for evangelizing the world. The Apostles and first preachers of the Gospel were

Missionaries in the fullest sense of the word, and through their faithful labours Christ was made known to a multitude, many of whom were saved through the merit of his blood. Before the promise that the Son shall have the heathen for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession is fulfilled, there must be a succession of men possessing the Apostolic spirit, who shall go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Our Home Mission has strong claims upon us; by it the Gospel is carried to many remote places, and its saving influence experienced by persons who would otherwise remain ignorant of God's love to sinners, and the method of salvation by grace. The Foreign Mission rises before us in all its magnitude: it occupies an important place in the work of evangelization. Millions of heathen are perishing for lack of knowledge; they are bound down in the strong bonds of a hoary superstition, and enslaved by the worship of dumb idols, from which nothing but the truth as it is in Jesus can liberate them. At no former period has the Church of Christ realized so fully its obligation to send them the truth as now. We are thankful God has raised up another in our midst who has resolved to go and preach Christ to them, viz. Brother William George. He must be sustained by our prayers, sympathy, and contributions. The French Mission we must not pass by insilence: God has marked it with such signal tokens of his favour as to commend it to the sympathy and support of all who love Jesus and rejoice in the salvation of sinners. As a Denomination we have abundant causes of thankfulness to Almightly God for the success with which he has crowned our past efforts in the Missionary department of christian work, and it should stimulate us to make enlarged efforts in the future. Christians were never before so loudly called upon as now, to be actively engaged in disseminating the truth among men. The Master says to us "Go up and possess the land."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Balcom, *Chairman.*

(D)

ON INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Committee report by recommending the following resolution, viz. :—

1. That it is desirable to acquire an enlarged investment for the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

2. That the Churches of this Association be requested to make annual collections for the said Fund.

3. That the amount of such collections, together with the amount of all individual donations of five dollars and upwards, and of all Legacies bequeathed to the Fund, be annually invested in good and sufficient securities, the interest derived therefrom being appropriated to the relief of Infirm Ministers and their families, under the authority of the Board, by votes at regular meetings of the same.

4. That a correspondence be opened with the Boards of the other Associations in this Province, with a view to ascertain whether some mode of union and co-operation can be devised in relation to this object.

5. That it be recommended to the respective Boards of the Associations to take into consideration the desirableness of constituting a Fund for the assistance of Infirm Ministers and the widows of Ministers, on which Fund such Ministers and their representatives might have a legal claim in virtue of contributions annually made by them to the Fund.

6. That a Special Committee be appointed to carry the foregoing Resolutions into effect, by correspondence or otherwise.

J. M. CRAMP. *Chairman.*

(E)

ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

The Committee beg leave to report :

That, they have much pleasure in recommending to the increased patronage of the Baptist Denomination and the public generally. The "*Christian Messenger*" is a periodical, worthy of patronage, for its adaptation to the religious, civil, and social wants of the day.

Aware that, in order to make the *Messenger* all that is necessary to meet the desires of its friends, it is absolutely necessary largely to increase its number of subscribers, your committee would most earnestly press this duty on the Denomination generally, that its Proprietor might be enabled to add, to his own devoted energies and talents, the religious and literary talent of others.

All of which is respecfully submitted,

JOHN H. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

(F)

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

Your Committee beg leave to report :

That, while they are not unmindful of the large-hearted liberality of many of our churches and of individuals in perhaps all, yet they can but be convinced, when they consider the claims of God upon the Baptists of this Province, both as to the Home and Foreign Field and the inadequate supplies in the Treasuries of the Denomination to meet those demands, that there must be something radically wrong somewhere.

We cannot think that God has entrusted to his church means insufficient to accomplish his own work, but rather those to whom such means are entrusted are unfaithful stewards. And yet it does not appear to your Committee that this unfaithfulness arises so much from a want of *will* to give, as the absence of a proper workable system in many of the churches to draw out the benevolence of their membership. We would therefore recommend that Pastors, Deacons and leading members take this matter specially in hand, and devise some system, adapted to their circumstances whereby their entire membership may be reached, that even the youngest and most indigent may feel their obligations in this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. GOUCHER, *Chairman.*

(G)

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education are pleased to report that our institutions of learning, during the past year, have continued to enjoy a good degree of prosperity. Upwards of forty students have been in attendance during the year in Acadia College. Besides the usual College studies instructions have been given in the theological department by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., and Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D., the former in Theology and Ecclesiastical History, and by the latter in Hebrew, Biblical Citicism, and Interpretation of the Scriptures.

Seven students having completed the course of study in the College, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts on the fourth of June. Seven have matriculated in order to enter the College next year. Five others have been partially examined, and there is a prospect of more being added to the matriculating class. The usual prizes were awarded at the Anniversary to successful competitors in study, and in addition "The Gold Medal" offered by Edward Young, Esq., of Washington, was won by Mr. Perry Bowles of Cornwallis.

We regret to state that the Rev. Dr. Cramp, who for years has discharged his duties with eminent success, has at length resigned the Presidency of the Cellege, to take effect as soon as the position can be filled. The Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., has been invited to that office. The Rev. Dr. Crawley has been appointed at the head of the Theological Department for the ensuing year. Mr. William Elder has been engaged to teach in the department of Natural Science and thus an important desideratum has been supplied. The fact that we shall have five Professors in the College next year is on the one hand a pleasing intimation of the high degree of efficiency to which the College has attained, and on the other a loud call to the friends of the institution liberally to devise means for its support.

The attendance at Horton Academy during the past year has been very encouraging. About 60 pupils have been entered upon the book. The studies carried on have been the usual branches taught in similar Institutions, but special attention has been given to the preparation of classes for matriculation. Seven of the pupils of the Academy have

already passed the necessary examination for College. Others expect to be prepared by the opening of the next term. Young men looking forward to a College course are recommended to enter Horton Academy as early as possible.

The Female Seminary has been for the present discontinued. A good work has been performed by that School. Several of the pupils have passed through the three years' course prescribed and are now usefully employed in various places. Your Committee regret that the want of a suitable building free from rent has made it necessary for the Governors to close up for the present that branch of our Education work, and express the hope that at no distant day proper arrangements may be made to give to the females of our denomination a first-class Education.

In view of these facts in connection with our Educational Institutions, your Committee would urge the necessity of increased earnestness in their support, and especially the importance of fervent prayer to God on their behalf.

Signed,

D. Freeman, *Chairman.*

Omission.—The following paragraph, being written on the back o the page of Manuscript, was overlooked and omitted. It should have followed immediately after the List of Delegates on the 4th page:

A ballot was taken, and the Rev. D. M. Welton was elected Moderator.

On motion, Rev. E. M. Saunders was chosen Clerk, and Prof D. F. Higgins, Assistant Clerk. Deacon John Graves, Treasurer, and Bro. Whitman Morton, Assistant Treasurer.

Amounts contributed by the Churches for Benevolent Objects. June 15th, 1869.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Acadia College.	Ministerial Education.	Infirm Ministers.	TOTALS.
*Aylesford Upper...	4 00	8 00	4 67½	.....	.....	5 00	21 67
*Bridgewater	7 87½	10 97	1 25	10 00	0 25	3 25	33 59
*Cornwallis 1st.....	21 37	9 37½	.....	.....	6 37½	11 75	48 87
* " 2nd.....	16 00	20 00	6 00	14 16	.....	4 00	60 16
* " 3rd.....	13 36	14 77	2 00	.....	1 00	2 00	33 13
* " 5th.....	10 00	20 00	27 00	12 00	6 00	4 47	79 47
Chester.....	17 24	20 90	.....	.....	1 62½	7 46	47 22
Chelsea.....	2 00	2 12½	.....	1 87½	.....	1 37	7 37
Falmouth.....	7 86	4 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	16 36
*Halifax 1st.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 81	19 81
Halifax 2nd.....	25 00	15 00	10 00	.....	.....	10 25	60 25
*Hantsport	12 00	12 00	4 50	.....	.....	.....	28 50
*Horton 1st.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	19 00	69 00
*Horton 2nd.....	9 20	9 25	2 80½	.....	.....	6 32½	27 58
Indian Harbor.....	2 20	1 00	0 10	1 52½	0 80	.....	5 62
Jeddore.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Kempt.....	8 00	8 00	3 74	.....	.....	.....	19 74
La Have.....	4 25	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	6 25
Margarets Bay.....	9 87½	3 25	3 12½	1 50	.....	2 25	20 00
Lunenburg.....	5 00	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 50	11 50
New Germany.....	1 12½	4 44½	1 00	0 25	0 25	5 89	12 96
New Cornwall.....	5 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 53
*New Ross.....	9 00	1 02	.....	0 50	.....	.....	10 52
Preston 1st.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Rawdon.....	4 00	2 00	0 25	0 25	0 25	0 25	7 00
*Windsor.....	40 12½	69 68½	8 25	.....	1 00	6 75	125 81
Miss Young, Falmoth	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Coll. at Association..	16 50	6 25	13 70	.....	.....	.....	36 45
	255 51	297 79	95 39½	44 06	17 55	111 32	821 63
Deduct for Expenses	14 62	17 04	5 60	2 40	0 97	6 37	47 00
	240 89	280 75	89 79½	41 66	16 58	104 95	774 63

C. F. EATON, TREASURER.

* Other contributions have been sent on to Treasurers. *See next page.*

Contributions to Benevolent Objects reported in the Letters in addition to those in the foregoing table.

Granville Street, Halifax.—Home Missions, $62.61; Foreign Missions, $151.88; French Missions, (collection) $12.00 besides about $70 paid to Agent; Ministerial Education, $31.35; Sabbath School, $82.51; Acadia College, $31.35.

Horton.—Missions, $41.75; Education, $79.00; Infirm Ministers' Fund, $10.00.

Upper Aylesford—Missions, $71.00; Infirm Ministers' Fund, $20.

Bridgewater.—Education, $20.

1st Cornwallis.—Foreign Mission, $100; French Mission, $20; Educational purposes, $80.

New Ross.—Missions, $7.75.

5th Cornwallis.—Education, $10.

2nd Cornwallis.—French Missions about $20; Infirm Ministers', $20.

Hantsport.—Education, $4.25.

2nd Horton.—Foreign Mission, $4.75; French Mission, $6.12½.

Windsor.—Foreign Mission, $10.50; Education, $60.00.

Infirm Ministers' Fund *in acct. with* D. R. Eaton, *Treasurer.*

1868.		Cr.	
June 1.	By balance in hand as per acct. rendered	$304.06	
" 16.	" cash received from C. F. Eaton, Treasurer of Association.....	30.78	
1869.			
May 19.	" 1st Horton Church, per J. W. Barss, Esq	9.62	
June 1.	" Treasurer of 1st Cornwallis Church	11.75	
"	" one year's Interest on the Jacob's Legacy.....	40.06	
"	" Balance of Interest to date.....	18.57	
			414.84
1868.		Dr.	
July 11.	To cash sent Rev. Wm. E. Hall, for Rev. Wm. Caldwell's widow.....	10.00	
Dec. 1.	" Sent Rev. Dr. Tupper, for Rev. R. S. Morton.....	20.00	
1869.			
Feby. 1.	" Sent Rev. A. S. Hunt for Brethren J. Crawley $10.00, and Jacob Allen $10.00.....	20.00	
June 1.	" Balance to new acct.....	364.84	
			414.84
1869.			
June 1.	By balance brought down.....	$364.84	

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D. R. Eaton, *Treas. Infirm Ministers' Fund.*

Cornwallis, June 1869.

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Central Baptist Association, June, 1869.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Scholars. Male.	Scholars. Female.	Scholars. Total.	Av'ge attendance.	Teachers. Male.	Teachers. Female.	Teachers. Total.	No. in Bible Class.	Members of Ch'rch in R. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year
Mount Uniacke	E. Brymer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Halifax, North	J. F. L. Parsons	120	142	262	108	15	14	29	52	71	686	157 19
Windsor	D. Mosher	55	65	120	75	8	7	15	22	....	280	80 00
Indian Harbor	George Richardson	19	24	43	32	5	1	6	5	13	....	.....
Aylesford. Upper	John J. Graves	45	35	80	70	6	2	8	20	17	250	9 00
Hantsport	N. T. Harris	42	78	120	....	7	8	15	16	24	300	20 00
Do. Brooklyn	Wm. Porter											
Canning, Cornwallis 5th	J. S. Witter	25	40	65	50	4	5	9	6	....	200	15 00
Pereau, do.	E. C. West	....	....	72	72	....	....	....	25	....	250	.....
Chester, Town	Robt. A. Smith	16	17	33	....	2	3	5	....	....	137	6 00
Do. East Chester	Joseph Thomas	15	13	28	....	2	2	4	....	5	100	.....
Do. Marriett's Cove	Edward Heckman	16	17	33	....	2	2	4	....	....	58	1 00
Do. Chester Basin	James Corkum	18	15	33	....	3	3	6	....	....	40	.....
Do. The Grant	James Rafuse	15	15	30	....	2	2	4	....	....	....	.....
Bridgewater	W. J. Gates	30	32	62	45	4	4	8	8	9	230	2 00
Do. Pleasantville		18	22	40	30	3	2	5	80	20	100	4 00
Do. Creuse Town	Mrs. Jas. Johnston	16	16	32	30	0	5	5	....	3	100	5 00
Do. New Cumberland	Jacob Misner	12	16	28	24	3	2	5	50	10	....	.....
Do. Lapland		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	5	....	.....
Do. Lakeville		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	....	....	.....
Falmouth												
Chelsea	Charles Bacon	25	42	67	50	4	6	10	....	....	....	.....
New Ross	James Leary	....	....	30	28	4	4	8	....	12	126	.....
Canard, Cornwallis 1st	John G. Lantz	16	14	30	25	2	1	3	....	5	....	.....
Do. Lower Canard	Edward Lockwood	45	40	85	70	....	....	12	....	....	....	.....
Do. Port Williams	D. R. Eaton	....	....	90	....	....	....	12	18	....	....	.....
Lunenburg, North West	T. H. Borden	....	....	90	67	4	4	8	20	11	204	32 00
Horton, Gaspereaux	Joseph Ham	30	40	70	55	5	1	4	....	6	100	5 00
Do. Black River	J. M. Allen	47	46	93	80	4	2	5				
Do. Greenfield	Robert Scofill											

Falmouth	Charles Bacon	25	42	67	50	4	6	10	....	....	....	.....
Chelsea	James Leary	....	....	30	28	4	4	8	....	12	126	.....
New Ross	John G. Lantz	16	14	30	25	2	1	3	....	5	....	.....
Canard, Cornwallis 1st	Edward Lockwood	45	40	85	70	....	....	12	....	....	....	.....
Do. Lower Canard	D. R. Eaton	....	....	90	....	....	....	12	18	....	....	.....
Do. Port Williams	T. H. Borden	....	....	90	67	4	4	8	20	11	204	32 00
Lunenburg, North West	Joseph Ham	30	40	70	55	5	1	4	....	6	100	5 00
Horton, Gaspereaux	J. M. Allen	47	46	93	80	4	3	7	19	21	150	.....
Do. Black River	Robert Scofill	24	18	42	30	4	3	7	....	....	110	.....
Do. Greenfield	Judson Gould	25	15	40	30	3	1	4	....	3	80	.....
New Cornwall	.....	....	....	20	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	.....
Jeddore, East	Enos Baker	18	25	43	30	1	2	3	25	15	....	.....
Jeddore, West	J. Harpell	15	22	37	30	2	1	3	18	15	....	.....
Halifax, Granville Street	R. N. Beckwith	81	90	171	93	8	8	16	33	19	500	127 41
New Germany	David Lantz	49	51	100	80	8	6	14	....	34	400	.....
Do. Foster Settlement	Thomas Banks	23	17	40	40	4	3	7	....	12	....	.....
Cornwallis 2nd	A. T. C. Chipman	52	36	88	70	6	4	10	30	10	50	.....
*Wolfville	J. W. Barss	50	55	105	85	3	11	14	20	....	300	50 00
*Dartmouth	B. V. Pitts	18	22	40	30	2	5	7	....	....	75	8 00
*Hants Co., Sommerville	Benjamin Sanford	25	20	45	45	4	4	8	5	14	80	3 37
*Cambridge, Cornwallis	A. A. Pineo	45	30	75	60	3	2	5	40	20	60	.....
*Brooklyn, Horton	W. A. Porter	46	53	99	70	5	7	12	....	2	160	9 00
*Rawdon	George Creed	30	35	65	40	3	3	6	23	7	100	8 00
*Berwick	Edward Parker	48	38	86	50	5	4	9	30	....	....	.....
				2732				319	643			

* The Statistics of these Sabbath Schools are taken from the Returns made to the S. S. Convention of September last.

MINISTERS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Bancroft.....	Walton	March 8, 1849	Rawdon.
" J.M. Cramp, D.D.	Wolfville	May 7, 1818	London, G. B.
" E.A.Crawley,DD.	Wolfville	May 28, 1830	Providence,R I
" John Chase.....	Wolfville	——, 1835	Billtown.
" S. W. deBlois...	Wolfville	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester.
" D. Freeman.....	Canning....	Aug. 4, 1855	Halifax.
" J. E. Goucher....	Halifax	Oct. 5, 1859	Gagetown,NB.
" T. A. Higgins....	Wolfville	Aug. 30, 1857	Liverpool.
" A. S. Hunt.....	Dartmouth.....	Nov. 10, 1844	Dartmouth.
" J. Parker.....	Billtown, Corn-	May 19, 1842	Upper Wilmot.
" S. T. Rand.....	Hantsport.[wallis	Oct. 7, 1834	Cornwallis.
" E. O. Read.....	Berwick	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux
" J. L. Read.....	Upper Aylesford.	June 30, 1858	Hopewell,N.B.
" E. M Saunders..	Halifax	Dec. 15, 1856	W. Cornwallis.
" I. J. Skinner.....	Chester	Sept. 19, 1858	Port Medway.
" J. Stevens.....	Gaspereaux	Aug. 4, 1830	Horton.
" A. Shields.....	Mahone Bay....	July 18, 1852	Hantsport.
" B. Taylor.....	New Germany..	July 13, 1842	Chelsea.
" B. Vaughan.....	Kempt.....	May 4, 1842	Wolfville.
" D. M. Welton....	Windsor	Sept. 2, 1857	Windsor.
" D. G. Shaw.....	Falmouth	Jan. 24, 1860	Falmouth.
" D. Pineo.....	Long Point.....	Dec. 24, 1844	Greenwich.
" S. B. Kempton...	Canard	Sept. 16, 1863	New Minas.
" S. March.....	Bridgewater.....	July 5, 1856	St Francis,NB.
" Geo. Weathers...	Kempt,Hants Co	May 12, 1864	Newport.
" W. E. Hall.....	New Germany..	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany
" James Meadows.	Jeddore.....	Feb. 26, 1868	Jeddore.
" James E. Balcom.	Hantsport.....	Mar. 26, 1853	Long Island.

Thomas O Rolong
John Millard

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large Committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the members appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

Art. 8th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Art. 9th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

Art. 10th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

Art. 11th.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year. to call a special meeting of the Association, in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof.

Art. 12th.—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

Rule 2dd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

Rule 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

Rule 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

Rule 5th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

Rule 6th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

Rule 7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

Rule 8th.—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held its Twelfth Annual Meeting in the Baptist Meeting House, at New Germany, on Monday, June 14th, 1869.

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., in the chair.

The Annual report was read and adopted, and the Officers and Board of Managers for the ensuing year were appointed.

Officers of the Society.

S. Selden, *President.*
John W. Barss, } *Vice-Presidents.*
John King, }
Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer.*
R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*
John Steele, *Auditor.*

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Rev. J. E. Balcom,	Bro. Wm. Ackhurst.
" J. M. Cramp, D. D.	" H. R. Cunningham.
" S. W. DeBlois,	" A. Clarke.
" D. W. C. Dimock,	" Lewis Estano.
" David Freeman,	" E. G. W. Greenwood.
" J. E. Goucher,	" Edwin D. King.
" A. S. Hunt,	" H. N. Paint.
" G. F. Miles,	" J. F. L. Parsons.
" James Parker,	" T. H. Rand.
" E. M. Saunders,	" Alex. Robinson.
" I. J. Skinner,	" David Thompson.
" D. M. Welton,	" Francis Webber.

Adjourned to meet with the Eastern Association in July, 1870.

E. M. SAUNDERS, *Secretary pro. tem.*

REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society beg to present their Twelfth Annual Report.

Twelve missionaries have been employed during the year. *two* of whom have been engaged for the entire year, the others for shorter periods, as will be seen by the accompanying statement.

Upon comparing the returns, with those of the preceeding year, it will be seen that there has been a large increase in the social gatherings for Prayer and Conference, as well as in Family Visitation, and Tract distribution. The Board regard these as encouraging features in connection with missionary work, and recommend the continuance of effort in this direction.

The number of those who have put on Christ by Baptism is not so large as during the past year. but more than in any previous year, since the organization of this Society. These marks of the divine favour are causes for encouragement and continued labor in the good cause.

It is to be regretted, however, that there does not appear to have been as much attention given to *organizing* and *sustaining* Sabbath Schools as heretofore. This deficiency,may be more *apparent* than *real*, but shews the importance of the returns that are sent in *exhibiting* an increased interest in this department, where such interest is maintained.

The Treasurer's report shows that there has been a falling off in the receipts, from the various sources during the year. There was received from the Central Association $69.29 less than the year preceeding, and $42.07 less from the Eastern Association. The donations from other sources have also been diminished shewing the total receipts to be $170 less than was sent in last year. This may be accounted for in part by the general depression prevailing, but it is to be feared that it indicates also either a flagging of interest in Home Missionary operations, or a lack of systematic effort on the part of those whose duty it is to direct the contributions. Perhaps it may be attributed to all of these causes combined.

With the increasing population of this province, the desire and effort to supply their spiritual necessities, should certainly not be diminished, but ought rather to be increased.

The Board have again to make honorable mention of the liberality of D. R. DeWolfe, Esq., of New York, who has guaranteed the support of a Missionary at Cow Bay Mines, Cape Breton, for a year. Through this means one of our most efficient laborers has been sustained in a very important field throughout the entire year.

The Board are sensible of the great advantages to be derived from *continuous* and *concentrated* effort, but have been prevented from *generally* adopting such a course, when making appointments, from the fact that so small an amount is annually placed at their disposal, and urgent requests coming from so many destitute localities for missionory labor, that they have frequently been compelled by circumstances, to grant missions for short periods, when they are convinced that much greater benefits would result from more *extended* periods of labor.

The cost of supporting a missionary in this Province varies from $200 to $300 per annum, according as he may be sent among those who are more or less able to contribute towards defraying the expenses of the mission. There are at the present time earnest and successful Missionaries who are desirous of devoting all their *time* and *talents* to the work of saving souls, and are anxious to go out into the more destitute fields and labor for God, but have been hitherto hindered from so doing, by the want of the means necessary to support their families, and have been obliged to work their farms, and prosecute their ministerial labors as they are best able to do under the trying circumstances in which they are found.

Are there not some of our more wealthy brethren who have it in their hearts to work for God, and yet who do not feel that they are called upon to leave their various spheres in life, to engage *personally* in a Ministerial capacity, yet who are ready and desirious, to guarantee the support of one or more of these brethren who *are prepared* to enter the field? Where it is not practicable for one person to assume such a responsibility, let two or more together, or it may be as a Church collectively, undertake it, and send in their names to the Board, specifying the particular locality, in

which they wish their money expended, if they have a preference, and their wishes will be faithfully carried out by the Board.

The Statistics from the Churches, as obtained from the Minutes of the two Associations (Central and Eastern), shew a membership of more than *nine thousand.*

The total receipts by the Treasurer including the amounts collected by the Missionaries are $1316, which is less than *fifteen* cents from each member for the purpose of carrying on our Home Missionary operations for the year, but when it is remembered that a considerable portion of the receipts comes from those who are not church members, the small amount given by those who profess to be the Lord's stewards is made even lower than the above average. This state of things calls for serious enquiry on the part of every professing child of God, and should lead to *greater sacrifices* being made, and more *earnest prayer* and *effort* put forth, that the amounts sent in to the treasury of the Board may be *largely increased.*

In our last report it was suggested that the more highly favoured Churches relinquish the services of their Pastors for a season, that they may engage in missionary work, under the direction of this Board, their pulpits being supplied for the time by younger men. This suggestion we understand was approved of at the Annual Meeting, but has not been carried out, at least so far as this Board has knowledge. The Board would therefore repeat the suggestion in the hope that there may be no delay in putting it into practice, and that those Ministering brethren, whose hearts respond to the call, will send in their names as soon as possible, that their field of labor may be assigned to them.

Interesting extracts from the Missionaries letters are appended :

Condensed statement of Missionary labor performed during the year.

No. of Missionaries employed	12
" Weeks services	195
" Sermons reported	534
" Prayer and Conference meetings held	447
" Family Visits	1643
" Baptisms	41
" Restored (by one missionary)	5
" Tracts distributed	*pages* 6377
" Miles travelled	7557

Gross Receipts and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1868	$673 26
Received during the year	845 03
Collected by the Missionaries	471 72
	$1990 01

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and Retained by Missionaries	$394 37	
Travelling expenses of do	77 35	
Disbursed by Treasurer for Missionaries	995 00	
Printing Reports, &c., &c	55 00	
Returned to delegates to P. E. I., Association, as authorized by vote at Eastern Association.	7 42½	
Treasurer for Postage	0 17	
Balance in hand	425 60½	
		$1990 01

NOTE.—The present liabilities of the Board slightly exceed the amount in hand.

Halifax and Hants Counties.

Rev. James Meadows by appointment spent 13 weeks at Jeddore and Bay of Island on the Eastern shore.

Preached 43 sermons, attended 11 Prayer and Conference Meetings, made 66 family visits, distributed 518 pages of tracts, travelled 150 miles. Collected $11.36.

Bro. Meadows reports a low state of religion at Bay of Islands, yet they seem anxious to hear the Gospel of Christ preached The school houses are well filled every meeting, whether on the Sabbath or week day. Missionary labour is much needed in this locality. Have endeavoured to preach the simple truths of the gospel leaving the result in the hands of God.

Three weeks of the above mission were spent at Isaac's Harbour, Country Harbour, and New Harbour, Guysboro Co.

Country Harbour is navigable over 12 miles. At the head of this Harbour there is a fine growing settlement which should not be neglected.

Rev. A. Chipman, on the 4th Nov., 1868, received an appointment of 3 months at Musquodoboit, and 3 months at Renfrew to be performed within 12 months.

Bro. Chipman has sent in a report of 5 months of the above mission.

Preached 38 sermons, made 148 family visits, 5 Conference meetings held, travelled 1140 miles.

On the 29th Jany., Bro. C. wrote to the Board as follows :—

"As regards my Sabbath meetings both at Musquodoboit and Renfrew, the attendance is encouraging. My stations in the former place are chiefly two. I accordingly make an occasional weekly visit to Little River, hold an evening service and visit our Church members, and families residing in that part; and on every fourth Sabbath preach twice in other places where I get a large congregation. At one of these places particularly I am much interested and encouraged by the regularity and other character of the attendance. In connection with that congregation I have found, especially when visiting from house to house. cases of serious soul concern, and in one instance during the last few months I trust a real conversion to Christ.

I may state that I am well received at the houses wherever I go, and I endeavour to make my visits as general and frequent as seems expedient or adapted to usefulness. On the Mountain of Upper Musquodoboit quite a number are favourable to our views of the ordinances.

In Renfrew Gold Diggings I have become far more interested and encouraged than I at first anticipated. The place for worship is a large and commodious hall. The congregation at our Sabbath morning service is small varying thus far from 30 to 200, principally owing to Saturday night work in the mines. In the evenings we are favoured with the largest congregations that assemble there. There are at present residing at Renfrew Diggings about 30 Baptist adherents, about 12 of whom are church members.

On the 7th June Bro. C. adds: "While Christian labor in such a place as Renfrew must mainly have a present aspect, yet it is very important to cast in gospel influences as a check to the many which are so untoward. Preaching and Pastoral labor at such a place has also an important future bearing. Many may receive good impressions at those Gold Diggings which they may not have courage to make known before the world while there, but which may afterward produce precious fruit unto *holiness* and the end be *eternal life.*"

Rev. Benjamin Vaughan has spent 8 weeks at Waterville.

Preached 24 sermons, made 25 family visits, travelled 150 miles. Collected $32.00.

Bro. Vaughan reports as follows :—"Labour is much needed here for the quickening of the church and the salvation of sinners. Although the weather was quite unfavourable, we had service twice on Sabbath and several times during the week. I visited most of the families and read the word and prayed with them."

Lunenburg County.

Rev. Stephen March by appointment spent 6 weeks in the above County, and reports as follows :

"I have preached the gospel in the following places, Chelsea, Lapland, Camperdown, Pleasantville, New Cumberland, Ritcey's Cove, North West and Somerville. I had the happiness of seeing three young persons avow their willingness to serve the Lord, and cast in their lot with his people. Although I had not the privilege of baptizing any during the period of my mission, still I believe the hearts of Christians have been encouraged, and I trust that many have set themselves more earnestly to seek the Lord."

Preached 22 sermons, attended 22 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 75 family visits, (in most instances reading the Scriptures and offering Prayer), travelled 235 miles. Collected $7.62½.

Rev. I. J. Skinner has been in the service of the Board 8 weeks, and reports as follows :—

"I visited the 2 Tancooks, Ironbound, Hubbert's Cove, and the Card Settlement between Chester and Windsor. The meetings were generally very well attended and I trust with the Lord's blessing on the use of the means of grace they will prove to have been not altogether in vain. I enjoyed some precious seasons with the warm hearted people of Tancook, both in the sanctuary and at their homes.

Bro. P. R. Foster arrived on the Island about the time my mission was finished. I learn that he has baptized several believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. A settled Pastor on this Island is very desirable.

Preached 25 sermons, attended 10 Prayer and Conference Meetings, made 31 family visits, distributed 200 pages of tracts. Collected $48.23½.

Brother R. Sanford by appointment spent 10 weeks at New Cornwall and Northfield in the above country.

The following report has been received by the Board :—

" This field is an encouraging one but stands greatly in need of missionary labor. We generally hold two or three meetings during the week and service twice on the Sabbath day. The remaining time is spent in visitation from house to house and tract distribution. Our Prayer meetings have been very interesting though not numerously attended. On Sabbath days the congregations are large and attentive. Have met with much encouragement. There is a manifest seriousness on the part of some.

At New Cornwall religious declension was manifest, many had shrunk from duty. There has not been any preaching with the Baptist Church here for some months. I made it a point to visit all families within a range of several miles from the different preaching

stations. They received me kindly and expressed thankfulness that a Missionary had been sent among them.

On Sabbath morning, August 30th, one willing convert followed the Saviour in the ordinance of Baptism. Others are anxiously looking towards Zion desirous to go with the people of God."

Preached 23 sermons, attended 25 Prayer and Conference Meetings, made 206 family visits, visited 110 other persons, distributed 859 pages of tracts, travelled 315 miles . Collected $9.06. Baptized 1, by Rev. W. E. Hall.

Cumberland and Colchester Co.

Bro. Horatio Morrow, Lic., has laboured 10 weeks in the service of the Board in the northern parts of the above counties.

Preached 24 Sermons,attended 4 Conference and Prayer-meeetings, made 95 Family Visits, distributed 800 pages of Tracts, travelled 180 miles. Collected $13.00.

On the 15th September, the following report was received: "I preached at Wallace River, North Wallace, Tatamagouche, and New Annan. In all those places the congregations were large and attentive, and I trust some seed has been sown that will bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

The Churches at Tatamagouche and New Annan, are without stated preaching, they with River John, not distant, present an inviting field for missionary labor and demand the attention of the Board. They have all comfortable places of worship, and would do their utmost to aid in supporting a missionary if one could be sent to them, but they are unable wholly to sustain a minister."

Bro. W. F. Armstrong, Lic., spent 11 weeks in the service of the Board, principally at Amherst Shore and Goose River. Bro. A. says: "At the former of the places there is a *feeble* church. I commenced my labors here amid discouragements, but God clothed with power the word spoken in weakness and sent it home to the hearts of some. One or two I trust, have been made savingly acquainted with Jesus, and several are enquiring the way to Zion. At Goose River there is also a small church. Here too we received a few mercy drops. On Sept. 13th two happy converts were baptized by Bro. Murray, and more are expected to come soon. This whole field seems "white ready to harvest."

Preached 27 sermons, attended 35 Conference and Prayer-meetings, made 173 family visits, baptized 2, by Bro. Murray, distributed 1600 pages of Tracts, travelled 746 miles, collected $17.65.

Guysborough and Antigonishe Counties.

Rev. D. G. Shaw has spent 14 weeks in the service of the Board in the above counties.

Preached 42 sermons, attended 3 Prayer and Conference meetings,

made 146 family visits, distributed 350 pages of Tracts, travelled 800 miles, collected $10.62½.

The following extracts have been taken from Bro. Shaw's report:

"I left home on the 23rd April direct for Guysborough, where I arrived on the 2nd May, after spending a few days, and preaching at different outstations in the neighbourhood of the Town, I proceeded along the shore to the Strait of Canso. On my way I spent a few days at Clam Harbour, preached and visited among the people, they gave good attention to the word spoken, proceeding to Oyster Pond, a small settlement principally Episcopalian, a door was opened for us. At Sand Point, and Red Head, I tarried between *three* and *four* weeks, preaching and visiting from house to house. There is a feeble church here, organized by Rev. M. A. Bigelow some six years ago, they complain much of being sadly neglected, having been refreshed and encouraged by our coming among them, "they rejoiced at your remembrance of them in their low estate." Passing up the Strait I crossed through to Tracadie, spent from *two* to *three* weeks with the Church there, and then returned by the same route to Red Head, from thence crossing the bay I went to Crow Harbour, preached twice on Sabbath, and then went to White Head. I got passage down the river in a boat, and preached to the people on the Sabbath. The people gave good attention and manifested much friendship both toward myself and the cause I advocated. I next returned to Half Island Cove, made a few visits, then went to Crow Harbour, and there tarried until my return home, where I arrived on the 31st July."

Cape Breton.

Rev. William McPhee has performed 13 weeks labor under the direction of the Board in destitute parts of this Island.

Respecting St. Ann's and vicinity Bro. McPhee writes as follows

"Dark as these parts are the blessed Lord does not forget us altogether. I baptized one convert, a middle aged man, who with joy related in the hearing of a large number of persons assembled at the river, how he was led to find consolation in resting on Jesus for righteousness, also quoted passages of the word of God that convinced him of his duty to be baptized. It was a solemn season. The effect was salutary. Three more are received for baptism, one of whom is my mother, seventy years of age. Some in these parts who were heretofore nominally friends, are becoming bitter enemies on seeing poor sinners conforming to the commands of Jesus; but the word of God cannot be bound.

I feel more and more convinced that the Lord has a work for us to do in this locality and hope that this field may have a claim on the sympathies and prayers of God's people. It is good to work for the Lord Jesus."

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton received an appointment of 12 months at Margaree and Mabou.

39 weeks of this mission have been performed, during which time

93 sermons were preached, 119 Prayer and Conference meetings attended, 4 baptized, 1448 miles travelled. Collected in aid of the Society $155.22½.

Sept. 30th, Bro. K. reports as follows:

"I have tried to labor faithfully for the Master; but feel that I have not accomplished nearly what I might and ought have done.

I have spent the quarter laboring between Margaree and Mabou, nearly equally dividing the time between the two churches. The Church at Margaree is just now busily engaged in building a *mission house.* Though the undertaking is a very heavy tax on the little weak church here, yet it was a necessity. Our Sabbath School is verr interesting, several of the members of the school, I hope, are serious; and are seeking Christ. I devote a considerable time and attention to the school.

As regards the Mabou Church I suppose you are aware that it had well nigh become extinct. But the Lord has once again smiled upon it and added *ten* to its numbers by baptism and *two* by letter. *Seven* of these were immersed by your missionary, and *three* by Rev. Wm. McPhee, of St. Ann's.

I have done a large amount of family visitation, generally two or three days per week, but I have not kept a full account of visits made. "The day will reveal them."

Bro. Lauchlan McDonald, of Margaree, in writing to the *Ch. Messenger* in March, says, as follows: "Bro. Kempton's coming here we believe, was from the Lord. Before he came we did not know where to look for a man of God to go out and in before us. His labors have been abundantly owned of God in the conversion of sinners.

Over twenty members have been added to the church by baptism, since he came here. Mrs. Kempton to whom we are largely indebted for the erection of the Mission house is of a kindred spirit with our minister. They are both doing all that lies in their power for the good of souls. They both labor hard in the Sunday School, which has been gathered and set in operation through their instrumentality.

Rev. E. C. Spinney has been engaged in the service of the Board, 41 weeks at Cow Bay Mines and neighbourhood.

Preached 124 sermons, attended 197 Prayer and Conference meetings, made 603 family visits, distributed 2000 pages of Tracts, travelled 1643 miles. Collected $118.48½.

The following extracts have been taken from Bro. Spinney's letters, which have been received monthly:

"We have three public services on each Lord's day. On every alternate sabbath, the third service is a Social prayer-meeting. During the week I attended *four* prayer-meetings, one in each of the following places, viz.: Mira Homeville, Cow Bay Mines, and South Head; at last mentioned place preaching is sometimes substituted for the prayer-meeting for females held weekly at

Homeville. We have our regular Conference meetings. We are putting forth every effort to build a house in which to worship, at Cow Bay Mines.

On the 25th March, 1869 the following was received:

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Since the first of October last, we have had *seven* Conference meetings, at each one of which save one, more or less have offered themselves for baptism. Others are waiting to follow Christ in all his appointed ways.

Dec. 28th.—Circumstances seemed to demand a laborer amongst this people qualified to administer the ordinances of God's house, hence the Mira and Cow Bay church requested my ordination, to which, after consideration and prayer, I consented. May God grant that this movement may be for His declarative glory in the salvation of many precious souls.

Yesterday, (Sunday), morning at Homeville, it was my privilege to baptize and receive into the church *three* happy converts, also to extend the hand of fellowship to two more restored brethren. In the afternoon, at Cow Bay Mines, I administered the same sacred ordinance to one other, head of a family. This was the first Scriptural baptism ever performed in this place. Some hundreds assembled to witness the scene. The emblematic dove hovered over us, so we felt strong and happy in obeying God's command. A few passages from the Scriptures were read, showing that our authority for baptizing came not from men but from the court of high heaven. The large assembly gave us good attention.

We meet with some opposition, but we are not disheartened, feeling assured that as our work is of God it will prosper, the whole world to the contrary.

April 26th, 1869. My time has been fully occupied in endeavouring to direct the lost to follow Christ "the way, the truth and the life." As much as my strength would allow I have visited from house to house week after week. The Lord continues to make bare his powerful arm amongst us. Our hearts are frequently gladdened in hearing the cries of returning prodigals. The work is a gradual one. There are no particular manifestations of undue excitement. A deep sense of Divine things seems to pervade the hearts of almost all. Our meetings are well attended. The Baptist interest is slowly but surely gaining ground. Two or three persons baptized since my last letter to you are considered as valuable accessions to our church, and bid fair to be useful in the cause of Christianity. One of them put on Christ by baptism through much opposition.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

HALIFAX CO.

Collected by Rev. J. Meadows.

George Moser	$1 00
Jacob Moser	0 50
Mrs. G. Fraser	0 37½
Nath. McDonald	0 20
Wm. Moser	1 00
Joseph Moser	0 25
Collection	0 79
	$4 11½

LUNENBURG CO.

Collected by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Public collections:

Tancook	$9 03
Windsor Road	2 17
Hubbard's Cove	1 87½
	13 07½
Benjamin Stevens	1 50
Edward Stevens	0 67½
John Heisler	0 50
Mrs. John Heisler	0 25
Nathaniel Heisler	0 25
Alfred Longille	0 25
Mrs. David Longille	0 12½
Benjamin Longille	0 50
Deacon Henry Hatt	2 00
Deacon Caleb Hesler	1 00
George Mason	0 25
Daniel Mason	0 25
John Cross	0 50
William Lantz	0 25
Albert Pearl	0 50
Deacon Alfred Baker	0 50
Henry Baker	0 25
George A. Baker	0 25
Frederick Levy	0 60
Jacob Levy	0 62½
Mrs. Jacob Levy	0 12½
Casper Levy	0 62½
Daniel Levy	0 50
Wm. Cross	1 00
Jacob A. Baker	0 50
James Baker	0 25
Charles Cross	0 25
John Cross	0 25
Peter Mason	0 62½
Mrs. Peter Mason	0 25
David Stevens	0 50
Mrs. David Stevens	0 25
Joshua Young	0 50
Casper Young	$0 75
Mrs. Alexander Wilson	0 50
Mrs. Matilda Baker	0 50
Joseph Heisler	0 50
Mrs. Joseph Heisler	0 25
Alexander Wilson	1 00
John Wilson	1 00
George Wilneff	0 50
Joseph Thomas	0 50
George French	0 25
Samuel Wilneff	0 30
Mrs. Jacob Baker	0 25
Reuben Baker	0 50
Philip Baker	0 25
David Young	0 25
Nelson Wilson	0 25
Mrs. David Young	0 25
Daniel Slaughenwhite	0 50
Andrew Young	0 25
Stephen Baker	0 50
George Slaughenwhite	1 50
Edmund Slaughenwhite	0 25
Mrs. Daniel Slaughenwhite	0 12½
Mrs. Wm. Young	0 25
Walter Pearl	0 62½
Mrs. W. Pearl	0 50
Wm. Young	0 25
Joseph Pearl	0 25
Mrs. Daniel Levy	0 12½
Nathan Levy	0 50
Jeremiah Levy	0 25
Joseph Greenlan	0 25
Edward Young	2 00
Simeon Young	0 50
Jacob Cross	0 50
David Longille, Sr	0 50
Edward Baker	0 87½
George Young	0 50
Mrs. Caleb Heisler	0 25
Margaret Wilneff	0 37½
Henry Cross	0 40
Mrs. Henry Cross	0 50
Mrs. George Cross	0 14½
George F. Baker	0 50
Nathaniel Baker	0 50
Mrs. George F Baker	0 25
Samuel I. Mason	0 50
John Stevens	0 50
Mrs. John Cross	0 37½
Daniel Baker	0 37½
Friend	0 72½
	$53 92

Collected by Bro. R. Sandford.

Ingram B. Langille	$0 50
Solomon Spidle	0 50
John Spidle, Sr	0 25
Mrs. J. Dauphiney, (widow)	0 50
Alfred Turner	0 25
Miss Sarah Hallimore	0 50
Samuel Hallimore, Sen	0 50
Contribution at Northfield	0 58
Pontus Dauphiney	0 25
Jacob Hallimore	0 25
Alfred Eisenhaur	0 25
Josiah Eisenhaur	0 25
Jacob Rafuse	0 25
Samuel Hallimore, Jr	0 25
Willie Hallimore	0 25
Mrs. Saml. Hallimore	0 12½
Miss Naomi Barkhouse	0 25
Contribution at L. Cornwall	1 41½
Do. Upper do.	1 53½
Joshua Venot	0 60
Jeffery Dauphiney	0 25
Contributed by another	0 15½
	$9 66

COLCHESTER CO.

Collected by Bro. Horatio Morrow.

Collection at Tatamagouche	$2 85
do. Wallace	4 20
do. New Annan	3 10
Mrs. Thomas, Wallace	0 25
Mrs. Gooden, Tatmagouche	0 25
Mrs. McIntosh, do.	0 50
Mr. Geo. Slade, do.	0 45
Mr. Jos. Harrington, do.	0 50
Robt. Patterson, do.	1 00
	$13 10

CUMBERLAND CO.

GOOSE RIVER.

Collected by Bro. W. F. Armstrong.

Wm. Hunter	$0 75
Amos Hunter	0 25
R. Spurgeon Mills	0 28
Mrs. Angus Mills	0 12½
Mrs. T. Hollis	0 25
Collections	0 88½

AMHERST SHORE.

Charles Rockwell	$1 00
Nathan Blakeney	0 62½
Gideon P. Read	0 25
Lucinda Bronnell	0 25
Smith Boss	$0 25
Mrs. Aaron Rockwell	0 25
Ellen Murray	0 62½
A young friend	0 10
Collections	5 76
Coll. at Mount Pleasant	1 00
	$17 65

INVERNESS, CAPE BRETON.

Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

John McDonald	$2 00
Lauchlin McDonald	4 91
John Burton	1 76½
Murdoch McDouald	1 75
Donald McDonald	6 75
Farquar McRae	1 00
Joseph Tingley	4 00
J. G. Crowdis	1 77½
William Frizzle	5 00
Edward Irish	0 50
Samuel McKeen	0 50
Rachel Potter	1 80
Ellen Ledbetter	0 70
Collection at Mabon	11 15
Donald McGregor	1 00
J. L. Tremain, Esq	8 00
Joshua Tingley	2 00
	$54 60

NOTE.—Many others contribute to the support of the Mission—who have not paid anything during this quarter. Often 2 or 3 quarters come at one time. The people have to pay when they have it. It is difficult for them to pay *regularly*.

J. F. K.

MARGAREE.

Mark Ingraham	$8 00
John Codey	2 00
Joseph Ingraham	2 16
Wm. B. Ingraham	5 00
Donald McDonald	4 50
Malcolm McLeod	1 40
Lauchlin McDonald	0 25
Mrs. McLean	0 90
Murdock McDonald	6 56
Mrs. James Ross	2 00
Robert Burton	1 00
Joseph Ross	0 30
	*$34 07

*Three dollars and Sixty-five cents cash, the remainder in produce.

MABOU.

David Smith	$5 00
Wm. Hunt	5 00
James Frizzle	2 16½
Mrs. Potter	1 00
Alexander Pushie	8 06½
	†$21 23

†Six dollars six and one half-cents in produce, the remainder in cash.

ST. ANN'S.

Collected by Daniel McLeod, Esq., J.P., Goose Cove	$12 00
Col. by Duncan McLeod, North Shore	6 50
Col. by Roderick McLeod, Mason South	12 75
John Campbell	2 00

BADDECK RIVER.

Kenneth McLeod	2 00
Niel McMillan	2 00
Col. by Donald McPhee	4 00

BOULARDRIE.

Col. by David Corbit	6 50
	$47 75

Collected by Rev. E. C. Spinney.

GRAND MIRA.

William Huntington	$1 00
Caleb Huntington	8 25

MIRA.

Dea. Charles Martell	3 00
J. B. McQuillan	2 50
Philip Spencer	2 14
Edward Spencer	1 00
Timothy Spencer	3 00
Frank Gildert	0 35
Herbert Spencer	0 10
John Nicoll	1 50
Mrs. D. P. McQuillan	0 30
Mrs. C. Spencer, Sr	0 50
Laleah Spencer	0 50
Mrs. E. Spencer	0 25
Priscilla Spencer	0 25
Jane Spencer	0 25
Mrs. David Phillips	0 37½
Margaret McDonald	0 25
Mrs. J. Nichell	0 25
Sarah Martell	0 25
Alice Nicoll	0 25
Mrs. R. Peters	0 25
Mrs. C. Martell	0 50
Emma Martell	0 50
Patience Martell	$0 25
Annie J. Holmes	0 12½
Mrs. Wm. Phillips	0 25
Mrs. Wm. Dickson	1 44½
Mrs Edward Dickson	0 50

HOMEVILLE.

Dea. Arnold Holmes	6 50
William Holmes	6 25
Stetson Holmes	10 00
Thomas Holmes	3 00
Joseph Holmes	3 50
Charles Martell	1 50
Joseph Martell, Jr	1 00
Philip Martell	3 00
Lewis Martell	2 00
Theodore Martell	3 00
Absalom Martell	2 00
George Martell	1 00
Thomas Martell	1 02
Mrs. Galen Holmes	12 00
Mrs. Arnold Holmes	2 00
Mrs. Joseph Holmes	1 00
Mrs. C. Martell	0 50
Rachel Martell	1 00
Julia Martell	1 50
Jane Martell	0 50
Ann Martell	0 50
Ruth Martell	0 50
Esther Martell	0 50
Mrs. George Martell	0 25
Leonora Martell	1 50
Amelia Holmes	1 00
Elvenia Holmes	0 50
Elizabeth Holmes	0 50
Susie Holmes	1 00
Annie E. Holmes	4 00
Clorinda Severance	0 50
Mary Peach	0 25
Jane Wadden	1 00
Caroline Martell	0 50
Coll. at Mira and Homeville	10 46¼

SOUTH HEAD.

Charles Shepherd	3 50
Seth Shepherd	1 50
Charles Peters	1 50
Nathaniel Spencer	1 00
John W. Murrant	1 00
Albert Shepherd	1 00
William Murrant, Jr	1 00
Joel Peters	0 75
Wintworth Peters	1 00
John D. Murrant	1 00
Anthony Murrant, Jr	0 12½
Adam Kelly	0 25
Pennoni Shepherd	1 00
Mrs. Anthony Murrant	0 19½
Louisa Murrant	0 18

Margaret Murrant	$0 12
Mrs. Joel Peters	0 37½
Mrs. Wintworth Peters	0 12
Martha Peters	0 21
Mrs. Nathaniel Spencer	0 12
Mrs. Wm. Murrant, Sr	0 07
Orillia Murrant	0 14
Mrs. Wm. Shepherd	0 75
Jane Shepherd	0 40
Mrs. Albert Shepherd	0 30
Ruth Turner	0 25
Esther ShepherdS	0 04
Orillia Murrant	0 12
Ann Murrant	0 06
Rachel Murrant	0 25
Mrs. Visa Shepherd	0 25
Caroline Martell	0 50
Mrs. Seth Shepherd	1 00
Parthena Shepherd	0 55
Sophia Shepherd	0 12½
Margaret Peach	0 03
Mrs George Turner	0 12½
Adeline Turner	0 03
Elizabeth Shepherd	0 25
Mrs. Bennoni Shepherd	0 50
Mrs. Wm. Murrant, Jr	0 50
Mrs. Ormond Peters	0 25

COW BAY MINES.

Samuel E. Peters	8 00
David Spencer	6 00
D. C. MacInnis	6 00
R. D. Rice	8 00
John MacPhail	5 00
O. J. Spencer	6 00
Walter Carmichael	2 50
James Davidson	2 00
Robert Fletcher	1 00
John MacLean	3 00
Benjamin Martell	4 00
Mrs. R. D. Rice	2 00
Mrs. S. E. Peters	1 00
Mrs. Benjamin Martell	4 00
Mrs. Davidson	0 50
Mrs. D. MacDonald	2 00
Margaret MacDonald	1 00
	$200 00

ANTIGONISH AND GUYSBORO.

Collected by Rev. G D. Shaw.

Collection at Tracadie	$3 25
Mrs Caroline Summers	0 25
Col. at Crow Harbor	1 75
John Ehler, do.	1 00
Col. at White Head	0 25
William Munro	0 50
Col at Crow Harbor	2 12½
Mrs John Ehler	1 00
Mrs. Pantha Burnham	0 50
	$10 62½

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

in account with D. McN. Parker, *Treasurer.*

Halifax, N. S., 31*st May,* 1869.

1868.		Cr.		
July 1.		By Postage	$ 0 17	
" 10.		Rev. A. F. Porter	27 25	
Aug. 7.		" D. G. Shaw	115 33	
Sept. 26.		Horatio Morrow	60 55	
" "		R. Sandford	50 34	
" "		N. S. Debentures	510 00	
Oct. 1.		do. do.	525 00	
" 16.		W. F. Armstrong	56 60	
" "		E. C. Spinney	15 90	
" "		Rev. J. F. Kempton	68 67	
" "		" James Meadows	18 75	
" "		" Stephen March	44 00	
Nov. 10.		" I. J. Skinner	50 08	
" "		" Wm. McPhee	57 25	
" "		" E. C. Spinney	69 00	
" 25.		S. Selden, Printing Reports, &c.	55 00	
Dec. 7.		Rev. James Meadows	45 88	
" "		" Benj. Vaughan	33 00	
1869.				
Feb. 17.		Cash retnrned to Delegates to P. E. I.	7 42½	
Mch. 14.		Rev. E. C. Spinney	43 52	
May 11.		" J. F. Kempton	54 47	
" "		" A. Chipman	50 00	
" "		" J. F. Kempton	49 40	
" "		" E. C. Spinney	55 00	
" 31.		" James Meadows	30 00	
" "		By Balance	425 60½	
				$2518 20

1868.		Dr.	
June 1.		To Cash in hand	$0673 26
July 1.		Central Association per C. F. Eaton	236 88
" 3.		Jotham O'Brien, Principal	1000 00
" "		" " (interest in full)	66 90
Aug. 11.		David Lyons	1 25
Sept. 23.		D. R. DeWolf, Cow Bay Missionary	100 00
Nov. 25.		Eastern Association	294 01½
" "		Unknown Friend, per Rev. Dr. Tupper	1 37½
		½ year's Dividend on Debentures.	30 00

1869.			
Jany. 31.	Rev. I. J. Skinner.....	4 00	
Feby. 17.	Cash per S. Selden.....	2 00	
Mar. 4.	First Horton Church.....	41 00	
" "	Granville Street Church.....	62 61	
May 31.	Dimock Archibald, per Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.....	4 00	
" "	Mr. Rees.....	0 50	
" "	A Friend.....	0 50	
	E. & O. E.		$2518 29

Audited and found correct,
D. STEELE.

J. McN. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds. such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided:* That no Association, Auxiliary, or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz.:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint Missionaries, and assign thier respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied, as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive

Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contribution; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual meeting.

BYE LAWS

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD.

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for the dispatch of business at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Wednesday of each month,—Also at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, or Secretary, or two other members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

ARTICLE 3.—None but Licentiates from regular Baptist Churches and ordained Ministers, recognized as such by a regular Baptist Association, shall be employed as Missionaries for the Society.

ARTICLE 4.—No Missionary shall be at liberty to change his field of labor or to extend the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married and ordained Missionaries shall be eight dollars per week, for married licentiates and unmarried ordained Missionaries seven dollars, for unmarried licentiates six dollars, in each case exclusive of travelling expenses.

ARTICLE 6.—All Missionaries of pastors, serving under the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time, and in the localities of such service, to collect funds in aid of the Treasury, to be transmitted forthwith to the same, or reported to the Board, credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of Missions, reports shall be promptly made to the Board, by Missionaries, stating definitely, the number of weeks' service, number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, baptisms performed, Sabbath Schools visited, other meetings attended, Churches, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies and prayer meetings organized; moneys and other contributions, with the names of the donors; and such other facts connected with their labors likely to be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—No moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ARTICLE 9.—The Chairman and Secretary shall sign no orders for moneys from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARNICLE 10.—No accounts shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors, unless presenting full particulars of debits and credits, &c., as specified in Article 7.

ARTICLE 12.—The Secretary of this Board, with the consent of the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, shall furnish, monthly, for publication in that paper, the following items, viz;—Letters received [during the month], appointments made, amount of funds in the Treasury, amounts due Missionaries, the names of Missionaries and their fields of labor, members of the Board present at last meeting, and such other particulars as may be ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye Laws shall be forwarded by the Secretary to each missionary on his appointment.